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Bureau of Land Management  
New Mexico State Office  
301 Dinosaur Trail  
P.O. Box 27115  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

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RE: Auction of oil and gas leases beneath Lewisville Lake

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition against the auctioning of 37,000 acres beneath Lewisville Lake to oil and gas leases. While I appreciate the economic growth that oil and gas drilling brings to the southwest, I believe that drilling activity under a large reservoir that already seems to have a compromised dam is foolhardy.

Lewisville Lake, which is fed by the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, provides drinking water to over a million people in the DFW region. Below its dam, an entire eco system consisting of fresh water springs, indigenous fauna, and deciduous forests relies on clean water. I believe I speak for several thousand people who do not trust small, private, and bare-boned exploration companies with the ability to safely explore and drill beneath such a gigantic and fragile structure.

One only has to look at the disaster at Lake Peigneur in Louisiana (1980) as proof that drilling beneath a lake is a very risky endeavor with decades-long consequences.

Please use this letter as evidence of opposition to the proposed auction.

Sincerely,



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